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SUBJ: OPERATION BUCCANEER SITREP 3

1. CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMMUNICATIONS: TWO RELAY STATIONS ARE INSTALLED. BASE RADIO STATIONS AND MOBILE RADIO STATIONS ARE STILL BEING INSTALLED AT NECESSARY POINTS IN BOATS, CARS AND AIRCRAFT. THE NORTH COMMAND POST IS NOW IN PARTIAL OPERATIONS. THIS WEEK WILL SEE THE NORTH COMMAND POST IN FULL OPERATION. THE EQUIPMENT SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL AND NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED.

B. RADAR: RADAR HAS UNDERGONE TECHNICAL TESTS. A SCAFFOLD HAS BEEN ERECTED FOR THE ANTENNA AND IT WILL BE IN OPERATIONAL USE TODAY.

C. AIRCRAFT: (1) THE NAVAJO AIRCRAFT HAS FLOWN 20.3 HOURS, 17.8 HOURS RECONNAISSANCE, AND 2.5 MISSION SUPPORT. (2) THE FOUR DEA PILOTS ASSIGNED TO THE JDF AIRWING FLEW A TOTAL OF 41.2 HOURS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

D. BOATS: (1) ON 11 JULY AT 2300 HOURS, TWO 31 FT MARINE POLICE BERTRAMS LEFT KINGSTON AND ARRIVED AT OCHO RIOS AT 6:00 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING. DMC-1 DECATUR, USCG AND SA KEAN ACCOMPANIED THEM. THEY WERE ESCORTED BY THE NAVAJO TO INSURE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. THE SCHOOL COMMENCING MONDAY, JULY 15, WILL INCLUDE 17 MEMBERS OF THE MARINE POLICE WHO HAVE BEEN COLLECTED FROM THE MARINE POLICE BOATS AT MONTEGO BAY, FALMOUTH,
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OCHO RIOS, AND PORT ANTONIO. THIS WILL INCLUDE 4 OR 5 DAYS CLASS-

ROOM INSTRUCTION, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL CONDUCT OJT WHICH WILL INCLUDE NIGHT RUNNING ALONG THE COAST IN THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO THE JOB. AT ALL TIMES THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

(2) SEA LION ARRIVED AT GTMO BAY ON 13 JULY. SA GUILLORY WAS IN GTMO FOR 2 DAYS ARRANGING FOR THE OUTFITTING OF THE BOAT.

2. STATUS OF THE OPERATION:

A. ERADICATION: ON JULY 9, DR. GETNER, USDA, CONDUCTED EXPERIMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MR. NAYLOR, JDA, ON A FIELD IN THE ST. ANN'S PARISH AREA. THEY SPRAYED A MARIHUANA FIELD WITH PARAQUOT, GLYPHOSATE, A RED DYE, 2-4-D, AND LYNUSOL. HE RAN THREE REPETITIONS ON PLOTS 60 BY 4 FEET WIDE IN EACH EXPERIMENT. THE RESULTS OF HIS TEST ARE THAT THE PARAQUOT APPLIED TO THE TEST ROWS HAD AN EFFECT ON THE PLANTS WITHIN A FEW HOURS. THE GLYPHOSATE HAD LITTLE OR NO EFFECT. THEY DYE DID, IN FACT, COLOR THE PLANTS SUFFICIENTLY THAT IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIALLY USED, PARTICULARLY IN LARGE FIELDS WHERE THE PILOTS NEED TO DETERMINE THE AREA THAT HAS BEEN SPRAYED BEFORE. ON JULY 10, DR. GETNER MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND THE NARCOTICS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTRY TEAM. HE EXPLAINED HIS EXPERIMENTS, AND THEIR EXPECTED RESULTS. THAT EVENING, DR. GETNER, SA WISER, AND SA SEARS MET WITH MINISTER MATALON AND DISCUSSED THIS PROJECT. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING THE FIELDS. ON JULY 11, AT 0830 HOURS, MINISTER MATALON, BRIGADIER GREEN, MR. VIN EVANS, JDA, SA SEARS, DR. GETNER, AND SA WISER WENT TO THE EXPERIMENTAL PLOT AND THE MINISTER OBSERVED THE RESULTS OF THE EXPERIMENT. THOSE SPRAYED WITH THE HERBICIDE PARAQUOT WERE QUITE DRAMATIC. AFTER 48 HOURS, THE ONLY PART OF THE PLANT STILL GREEN WERE THE STALKS THEMSELVES. THE PLANTS WERE APPROX 4 FEET HIGH. THEIR CONCLUSION FROM THE EXPERIMENT WAS THAT APPROX ONE-THIRD LBS OF PARAQUOT PER ACRE WAS REQUIRED TO KILL A MATURE MARIHUANA PLANT. ON JULY 12, AMB GERARD, DR. GETNER, SA SEARS, AND SA WISER MET WITH THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND DISCUSSED THIS PROJECT. POTENTIAL HAZARDS WERE DISCUSSED AND SOLUTIONS THERETO. THE JDA WILL BE PART OF ANY OPERATIONS TESTS.

B. SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION: ON 11 JULY, AN AERO-COMMANDER AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED A LANDING DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS ON A ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE MONTEGO BAY. THE AIRCRAFT CRASH ON LANDING, SERIOUSLY INJURING THE TWO AMERICAN PILOTS. TRACES OF COCAINE WERE FOUND IN THE AIRCRAFT, \$6,000 US CURRENCY WAS ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEIZED.

C. INVESTIGATIONS: ON JULY 13, AN UNDERCOVER AGENT OF DEA SET UP A BUY FOR SEVERAL TONS OF MARIJUANA. HE, IN COMPANY WTH AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FROM THE NAVAJO AIRCRAFT WENT INTO THE COUNTRY WITH A SUSPECT AND VIEWED THE CACHE. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO PICK UP THE MARIJUANA AT AN AIRSTRIP NEARBY. THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, A TRULY JOINT OPERATION OCCURED, IN WHICH, AFTER HAVING ESTABLISHED THE LOCATION OF THE CACHE BY AIR, THE JDF MOVED THE

JCF TO THE LOCATION BY HELICOPTER. THE JCF SEIZED SOME 10,000
LBS OF MARIJUANA AND APPREHENDED 4 DEFENDANTS. A DEA PILOT
PARTICIPATED IN THE HELICOPTER FLIGHT OPERATIONS.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: CUMMULATIVE TOTAL OF SEIZURES AND ARRESTS
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MARIHUANA SEIZED/DESTROYED	66,900 LBS
MARIJUANA SEEDS SEIZED/DESTROYED	5,200 LBS
COCAINE SEIZED	3 LBS
AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED	6
BOATS SEIZED	1
MONEY SEIZED	\$65,600.
DEFENDANTS	20
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